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New Tesco store opens 8am Monday



CHECK THIS OUT: artist's impression of the new store, and below, leader of the royal borough, Cllr Chris Roberts, congratulates Kirsti Hutton

EVERY JOB HELPS

BIRTHDAY wishes come true for mum Kirsti Hutton when she starts work at Woolwich's Tesco superstore next Monday.

The new flagship store opens at 8am on Kirsti's birthday, November 26, and she's one of the 400-strong staff there after more than ten years out of work.

The 30-year-old clinched her job in the clothing warehouse with support from GLLaB, the borough-backed agency which helps local people into local jobs and training. The agency worked closely with Tesco and more than 260 people won jobs in the new store as a result.

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THE following meetings take place at the Town Hall, Wellington Street, unless stated otherwise.

Nov 28 - Eltham & Kidbrooke Area Planning Committee - Eltham Centre, 2 Archery Road, Eltham, SE9. 6.30pm

Nov 29 - Children's Trust Board, 9.30am

More information on 020 8921 5130 or www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/meetings

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We reserve the right to edit any letters received.

Give all views in interest of balance

IF your article "Have Your Say on NHS review" (November 6) was simply encouraging your readers to respond to the consultation on NHS services in south-east London, why did it include such an extended and unchallenged quote from the South London Healthcare Trust special administrator? If the proposals go ahead, our area of London will have one A&E between 750,000 residents. In the interests of editorial balance,

please also refer your readers to www.savelewishamhospital.com - and remind them they have until midnight on December 13 to respond to the consultation at www.tsa.nhs.uk/tell-us-what-you-think

Martin Sainsbury, Lee

● The council's primary aim is to alert local residents to the proposals and to encourage as many as possible to respond by the deadline. We've worked with the

trust special administrator to ensure there are five public meetings at locations across the borough where people can find out more about the proposals and how they can give their views. The council was due to scrutinise the proposals at a meeting last Thursday, (November 15) and is set to submit a response to the proposals, once it has had chance to listen to local opinion. The details of this will be printed in GT in due course. In the meantime, see our story Cure the cash ills on p4&5.

Star Letter

Praise for the force is overdue

I RECENTLY went to the borough commander's ceremony for which my son was receiving an award as a volunteer police cadet. Listening to the reasons why these officers received their awards amazed me, the sheer bravery was overwhelming and as far as I'm concerned these men and women do not get enough recognition for the good work they do. We always hear or see in the media when one has done wrong but never when they have gone above and beyond their duties. I was in awe of the officers and am proud to have these officers protect us from harm.

Diana Jupp, Abbey Wood

Let's be more considerate on Fireworks night

I REALLY think its about time that Guy Fawkes Night (Firework Night) was fixed say to the nearest Saturday to November 5 between the hours of 7pm and 10pm. Outside this day and times only licenced displays should occur. Around here I start to hear fireworks in the middle of October and they go on for a good four weeks. No one seems to think of their neighbours' pets or of the wild animals. Pet

owners need to make provision for pets frightened of firework noise, but this is very difficult and expensive when they occur for more than one night. I know Greenwich Council cannot actually pass a law to this effect, but surely it could work on some sort of voluntary code.

Carol Doust, Eltham

● We agree it can be a nuisance but the royal borough has no legal

powers in this situation. In the run up to fireworks night we do work closely with police to ensure everyone can enjoy the festivities and stay safe. This involves visiting retailers selling fireworks to ensure they are storing them correctly and operating a 'challenge 25' system so that anyone looking under the age of 25 will be asked to provide ID before a sale is made. At the same time there's a greater police presence on the streets with

patrols at peak times in town centres and other key locations by special constables and cadets. We generally urge residents to attend organised displays wherever possible and to be considerate of their neighbours, pets and wildlife if having fireworks at home. However, where there is evidence of dangerous or anti-social behaviour involving fireworks, we would urge people to call their local safer neighbourhoods team or in an emergency call 999.

Help find mum's past

MY mother died recently in South Africa, and while going through her papers I found that she was born at the Memorial Hospital in Greenwich. Her 90th birthday would have been on November 27. Do any of your readers know what happened to the Memorial hospital and where it can be located?

Moir Rowan

OUR Star Letter writer wins two tickets for a performance at Greenwich Theatre, so get writing! For information on the latest events visit www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk or call 020 8858 4447

GREENWICH THEATRE LONDON

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260 long-term jobless back in work at new supermarket

by Dick Townsend-Smith

TESCO's new flagship store opens in Woolwich on Monday (November 26), and more than 260 people – many of whom have been jobless for years – are all set to get back into the world of work and become part of the 400-strong workforce.

It's due to a regeneration partnership between the supermarket chain and the royal borough.

Ninety-two long-term unemployed people from Greenwich have graduated from an accredited retail training programme. It was run by Greenwich Local Labour and Business (GLLaB), the borough's jobs agency that helps local get into training and jobs, working closely with Greenwich Community College and the local Job Centre Plus.

A graduation ceremony was held last Monday.

The new recruits included Kirsti Hutton, 30, from Woolwich Common who was unemployed for 10 years.

She will be working in the clothing warehouse, and said: "I'm so happy - I got my first choice of job. I had not worked for 10 years because I was raising a family and had been actively looking for work for two years. GLLaB's help and the scheme came at the right time. The store opens on my birthday so a real milestone for me."

Debbie Watts, 46, from Shooters Hill, will be working in the customer service kiosk after being unemployed for a year. She said: "I am so grateful for this opportunity and this has given me a purpose to my life."

Jean Marc Guhosa, 48, from Woolwich, will be working in Tesco's stock control. He said: "I'm really thankful for lots of help and support from GLLaB which has been a great platform to getting this job. The training was also a great help in boosting my confidence as I've not worked since 2005."

Nashon Baker, 26, from Woolwich was unemployed for 18 months. He will be working in Tesco's merchandising, and said: "This has changed my life in a very positive way. Not only financially but this has also lifted my spirits and made me more confident."

"I am so grateful to Tesco, GLLaB and the partnership for this opportunity." And Melissa Gayner, 39, from Glyndon, who was without a job for nine months, said: "I am overjoyed because I had

Off the shelf!



CELEBRATING: Jean Marc Guhosa and Melissa Gayner, Matthew Magee, Tesco's Regional Corporate Affairs Manager, Nashon Baker, Cllr Chris Roberts, leader of the royal borough, Kirsti Hutton and Debbie Watts

Lots more in store

THE new store is part of Spenhill's Woolwich Central development in Love Lane, which will provide new homes as well as substantial investment in transport and community facilities. The first 259 homes are due for completion by the end of next year.

The supermarket will open for the first time at 8am on Monday. Staff will host a launch event at 10am which will include a charity donation and a ribbon cutting ceremony. Free refreshments for guests and customers.

The store will have a health and beauty department, a new clothing range, a café, a pharmacy, a phone shop, and a click-and-collect desk so people can order online and collect in store. There will be counters serving meat, fish and hot chicken, a delicatessen, a bakery and a range of fresh produce and dairy products.

There will also be a range of world foods available including Halal, Asian, Caribbean and African. The store will be open 24 hours per day from 1am on Mondays until midnight on Saturdays. Sunday opening hours are 10am to 4pm

been getting quite down by repeated rejections. The eight weeks' training was excellent and made me more confident - I've now got my confidence back - thank you."

Cllr Chris Roberts, Leader of the Royal Borough of Greenwich said: "This new store is a flagship development here in Woolwich and we're delighted that Tesco has invested in our town centre, not least because, through our own job brokerage scheme, we are seeing 260 local people among those starting work here."

"The development also brings with it several hundred homes which London remains critically short of. We know Woolwich is an ideal location for big business - times are changing fast here, we're doing all we can

to accelerate that growth and we wish Tesco every success with this splendid new store."

Store manager Steve Freeman said: "We are proud to be working with the royal borough to deliver new jobs for long term unemployed residents."

"It's great to see the difference it's already making to the recruits we're taking on. We look forward to getting to know our new neighbours and customers, and contributing to a bright future for Woolwich."

● For more information on GLLaB, go to www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/gllab

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Contract talks at network breakfast

SECURING contracts with the royal borough is the topic of the next networking breakfast hosted by the South East London Chamber of Commerce. The event, held in association with the Royal Borough of Greenwich, is tomorrow (Wednesday, November 21) at Blackheath Sports Club, The Rectory Field, Charlton Road, Blackheath, London SE3 8SR and it's open to non members. It starts at 9.30am and includes breakfast and networking with a presentation by Tony Lawrence, buying and central contracts manager followed by a Q&A session.

Tickets are £15 for members, £17 for non-members.

● **Details of this and further networking events on 020 8317 3365 or www.selondonchamber.org**

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Dated 20th November 2012
[INTERNAL REF: 100000832NOM]

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Locals give their views on NHS trust shake-up

by Dick Townsend-Smith

CONCERNED Greenwich residents quizzed health officials to find out more about plans to restructure local health services.

Around 50 residents came to the first of five public meetings where people can ask about the recommendations to help solve the financial crisis affecting the South London Healthcare Trust.

Local concern centres around the shake-up of Lewisham A&E and the transfer of some A&E services to the Queen Elizabeth hospital in Woolwich.

The meeting was last Tuesday at the West Greenwich Community Centre on Greenwich High Road. Matthew Kershaw, the trust special administrator appointed by the government to make recommendations about its future, said: "The trust is losing more than £1million a week, and ultimately this will have an impact on the clinical care services it can provide. We believe a change is required - the status quo is not an option."

The meeting heard that south London was the most 'financially challenged' trust in the NHS and had overspent by £65million in the last financial year - the equivalent of about 12,000 hip replacement operations. Mr Kershaw added: "Money is being unfairly and inappropriately drawn from other areas of the NHS and therefore drastic action is needed to quickly fix this very seriously problem."

The changes suggested include merging Queen Elizabeth hospital with Lewisham hospital into a single organisation to deliver healthcare services for both boroughs from the two sites. Other recommendations include dissolving the trust so it can be managed by other organisations, and asking the Department of Health to write off its £207million debts.

Residents voiced concerns about the impact of the changes being suggested on where care would be provided.

They included mum-of-two Liz Griffiths, who lives near Greenwich rail station and has to use public transport to take her son to Lewisham hospital. "We don't have a car so public transport is a big issue for us and a lot of other people," she said. "We just want to continue to use the same hospital we use now." Dr Jane Fryer, the special administrator's chief

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WELL KNOWN LANDMARK: ambulances arrive with urgent and non urgent cases at the Woolwich Common hospital

medical advisor, told her: "We recognise that some people will have to travel further, and balancing that is a really challenging dilemma." Frank Smith, 79, from Sidcup Road said: "Pensioners from this borough can't get on buses until 9.30am anyway, and I think this is all an exercise that has already been pre-judged."

George Hallam, an economics lecturer at the University of Greenwich for 21 years said: "I brought 10 students with me so they could see an institution at work, and hopefully they have learned something. I may go to the other meetings, but I've had my say here today."

Other people were concerned by the level of money being spent on maintaining Private

Finance Initiatives (PFIs) to fund hospitals. They cost the Trust £34million a year for Queen Elizabeth hospital. The new proposals include asking the Department of Health to help fund PFI building contracts.

"Our focus is on proposals to make additional money available to the NHS," Kershaw said. "The PFIs are legally-binding contracts and we've recommended what we think is the best answer to deal with the situation. The health service is not a business, and we have to use taxpayers' money effectively and efficiently."

// We just want to continue to use the same hospital we use now... //



DIFFICULT BY BUS: Frank Smith, 79, from Sidcup Road

More public meetings

PUBLIC consultation on the special administrator's recommendations began on Friday November 2, and end at midnight on December 13. Other public meetings being held locally are:

- Wednesday November 21, 10am to 12noon at The Forum at Greenwich
- Monday November 26, from 7-9pm at St Mary's Community Centre, Eltham
- Monday December 3, 7pm-9pm at Charlton Football Club.

The recommendations were discussed by royal borough's overview and scrutiny committee on Thursday to assess what impact they are likely to have on health services locally.

● **More information about consultation events is at:** www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/nhsconsultation
Questions and comments can also be made by email at tsaconsultation@nhs.net **or by telephone at 0800 953 0110 (freephone).**

The proposals

The recommendations include:

- Improving efficiency in local hospitals
- QEH retains A&E and maternity services while Lewisham hospital's A&E closes but keeps a 24-hour urgent care service for patients needing the most urgent care. Lewisham becomes major centre for elective care
- Putting Queen Elizabeth and Lewisham together under one organisation
- Selling off vacant or poorly-used buildings
- Queen Mary's hospital, Sidcup, developed into Bexley Health campus providing day case elective surgery, endoscopy and radiotherapy
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SINGING FROM THE SAME BOOK: schoolchildren at the launch

Music hub service is launched

A NEW 'Music Hub Service' has been launched. It's hoped the partnership with musical organisations and other councils will lead to more far-reaching music tuition in schools in Greenwich.

The hub is working with local and regional partners which include Trinity Laban, the London Philharmonic Orchestra and The O2's British Music Experience.

It aims to work with all schools in Greenwich, and is providing 50 tutors, and a variety of musical instruments including brass, strings and wind.

Local groups the hub is supporting include two choirs, a samba band, and a street band. Work with the Bollywood Brass Band is being developed in music centres.

The launch was at the Queen's House on November 14. Forty performers were on stage from the Greenwich Centre for Young Musicians, the Brass Scholars, and Crown Woods Gospel Choir.

It was attended by headteachers from 11 schools – primary and secondary – as well as the Bollywood Brass Band and Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance. The other councils that are part of the hub are Lewisham, Lambeth and Southwark. Cross-borough performances are planned.

Cllr Jackie Smith, the royal borough's member for children's services, said: "We hope the hub will lead to sharing of ideas and a broader teaching of music for young people in schools. It's great to have music organisations like Trinity Laban and the Royal Philharmonic on board."

Adoption info day

A SPECIAL event is being held in Woolwich on November 24 to provide information to people thinking of adopting a child.

The Royal Borough of Greenwich is hosting an event which takes place in the Woolwich Centre Gallery in Wellington Street between 11am and 1pm this Saturday.

Social workers are on hand to give information on the adoption process and the children now in the council's care who are waiting to be adopted. There are currently 37 children seeking adoptive parents, with ages ranging from one to eight.

Adoption is a way of providing new families for children who cannot be brought up by their biological parents.

Once the adoption order has been granted, the adoptive parents take on complete financial responsibility for the child's upkeep. Like any other parents, they are to receive child benefit and other state benefits.

A wide range of support is available to adoptive parents in the borough, including a live helpline. The adoption process can take around eight months from beginning to end.

● People who want to go to Saturday's event are asked to complete the form on the website at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/adoption or call 020 8921 2752

There was a deafening silence as Remembrance Sunday November 11. Heads were bowed in memory of those

A time to rem

by Dick Townsend-Smith

SERVICES and wreath-laying ceremonies took place in the borough on Remembrance Day, Sunday November 11, to honour the fallen of two world wars and other conflicts.

Two-minute silences were held at Eltham and Abbey Wood – at the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, marking the end of the First World War in 1918.

Scouts, Cubs and Beavers from the 13th Woolwich joined a ceremony at St Michael and all Angels Church, Abbey Wood.

Old soldier Sam Batty, president of the Abbey Wood and Thamesmead Royal British Legion, told GT: "On November 11 it is important for us to remember those who sadly lost their lives or who were wounded, and it's important this is not forgotten by the younger generation like the Scouts, Cubs and Brownies. They come to our services every year and they are our future."

Mr Batty served in the Royal Medical Corps for 29 years, ending his military career as a regimental sergeant major. He added: "The ceremony went very well and I was very pleased with the turnout from both our own members and the church congregation, who stayed on for the remembrance service."

At Eltham War Memorial, members of the Eltham and Well Hall Royal British Legion were joined by the Mayor, Cllr David Grant, and the leader of the royal borough, Cllr Chris Roberts, local councillors and residents for a wreath-laying ceremony and remembrance service. Ceremonies were also held at the Royal Artillery's St George's Chapel on Woolwich Common and the Firepower museum in Woolwich.



POIGNANT SILENCE TO REMEMBER THE FALLEN: old soldiers from the Greenwich Gurkha Ex-servicemen's Association at the



LAYING OF THE WREATH: civic leaders including Mayor Cllr David Grant and royal borough leader Cllr Chris Roberts pay their respects in Eltham town centre

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Eltham ceremony after attending the service at the Firepower museum in Woolwich earlier in the day



RESPECTFUL: the Royal British Legion's ceremony at Abbey Wood, (RBL standard bearer Roy Williams back row in beret)

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CREST OF A WAVE: leader of the royal borough Cllr Chris Roberts with Laurens Winkel of Sail Greenwich Ltd and Paulus Mooynam in front of the map of the 2014 bay of Biscay tall ships regatta route which is proposed to start or end at Greenwich.

THE organisation that brought a fleet of 15 ships to London in the summer has been recognised with a business accolade.

Sail Greenwich Ltd, the company behind the 2012 summer event, Sail Royal Greenwich, received the commendation at the 28th Docklands Business Club and East London Chamber of Commerce Business Awards held at the Museum of London, Docklands last Thursday (November 15).

The award was for the organisation's achievement in helping to make east London a better place in which to live, work, visit and relax.

The DBC/ELCC business awards are regarded as being amongst London's most prestigious commercial accolades.

Sail Royal Greenwich launched in July with a parade of sail featuring 20 tall ships and 200 smaller vessels. It then hosted a three-week festival offering daily trips to Greenwich and Tower Bridge from Royal Arsenal pier in Woolwich.

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Quit while you're ahead

More support to help smokers give up

GREENWICH is the most improved London borough for people who have been able to give up smoking.

Almost 1,800 smokers have kicked the habit over the last 12 months.

The number of people still smoking is now down to less than one in five at 19 per cent - below the national average.

Now a new campaign is set to start the new year to help smokers who want to quit.

The new stop smoking campaign runs from next January to March, when a pop-up roadshow tours the borough calling in on five locations, including high streets and big supermarkets. It will be promoted with stories about locals who have managed to quit.

It follows the Department of Health's 'Stoptober' campaign last month which saw NHS Greenwich working with stop smoking advisors from Charlton Athletic Community Trust. They went on the road encouraging people to sign up for free support to help them quit. Thousands of smokers took part in 'Stoptober' across the country, and people who managed to quit for the 28 days are now five times

by Dick Townsend-Smith

more likely not to start again. Steve Whiteman, director of public health with NHS Greenwich, told GT: "We hope the success of 'Stoptober' will have had a significant impact locally."

"Helping people stop smoking is still a major public health priority in the borough. We are really looking forward to making this new year campaign the most successful ever, supporting even more local smokers to quit for good. Look out for more details in the new year."

Cllr John Fahy, the royal borough's cabinet member for health, adults and older people, said: "It's encouraging news that more people are giving up smoking

// Helping people stop smoking is still a major public health priority in the borough ... //



ADVICE FOR ALL: A Charlton stop smoking advisor at work on the roadshow

and many tend to make a new year's resolution to quit. The good news is that there is plenty of free support all year round and that it is never too late to give up smoking and make a difference to your health."

There are more than 150 trained stop smoking advisors in local pharmacies and GP practices and Stop smoking groups at Charlton Athletic Football Club and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, as well as new stop smoking 'drop-ins' held in community centres. They are:

- Tuesdays 10am-5pm, Valley Central, Charlton Athletic football stadium
- Wednesdays 10am-5pm, Eltham Centre
- Thursdays 12pm-7pm, Thamesmere leisure centre
- Thursdays 5pm-7pm, Valley Central, Charlton Athletic football stadium
- Fridays 10am-3pm, Clover Health Centre, Woolwich
- Saturdays 11am-3pm, Woolwich Centre library
- Contact NHS Greenwich Stop Smoking Service on 0800 587 5833, text 'Quit' to 60060 or go to www.greenwichhealthyliving.nhs.uk

Quick links to stop smoking support

SEVERAL campaigns are running to help people quit, and some have material designed specifically to help male smokers. More information:

- Make this time the last time www.the-last-time.co.uk
- Kick the Habit www.cact.org.uk/community/education-and-health/kick-the-habit

Feedback meetings on autism action plan

PEOPLE with an autism spectrum disorder, their families and carers are invited to special consultation meetings to give their views on proposed measures to improve accessibility to services.

The meetings take place next month at Charlton House and are also open to council, health trust and mental health professionals.

The events are on Monday December 3 from 10am to 2.30pm and on Thursday December 6, from 6pm to 9pm. They will include an opening address from royal borough adult services officers, someone giving their personal experiences and workshops run by the National Autistic Society.

It's a chance for people to give feedback on a local action plan designed to improve access to local services for people with an autistic spectrum disorder.



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RIDING HIGH: pupils work on a project on Michael Morpurgo's War Horse, below, they celebrate their Ofsted inspection results

Simply the best

Ofsted 'outstanding' for Hawksmoor

by Dick Townsend-Smith

OUTSTANDING in every way. That's the verdict from school inspectors Ofsted on Hawksmoor primary in Bentham Road, Thamesmead.

The inspection over two days in October gave top marks for quality of teaching, behaviour and safety of pupils and their achievement, and leadership and management.

The inspectors said: "Leadership and management at all levels are of exceptionally high quality. Leaders check the quality of teaching thoroughly and quickly support any teacher who needs to improve their practice. Pupils achieve extremely well. They make excellent progress and reach standards that are significantly above those reached by most pupils nationally. This ensures that they are exceptionally well prepared for secondary school."

Headteacher Briony Brammer said the report endorsed the school's recent award of National Support Status where the headteacher and staff support other schools by showing them our particularly successful teaching approaches. She added: "The children showed how friendly and polite they are, how they work hard in lessons to achieve exceptionally well and enjoy their learning. And they showed



how proud they are of Hawksmoor. Our fantastic teachers and fabulous teaching assistants showed their commitment to every single child's learning."

Hawksmoor pupils were equally delighted by Ofsted's report: Joshua Abana, eight, said: "If we are stuck on our work we get help if we don't understand."

Abimbola Odushoya 10, said: "This school is amazing! The work gets harder each day but our fantastic teachers are good so we are fine with it." And Dele Omowowo, 10, said: The most important thing is that we are happy and that's what makes our school Hawksmoor."

Mansimran Mandier, 10, added: "The teachers teach us in a way so we can understand and if we still don't get it a

teacher would stay with you so you can understand it."

Cllr Jackie Smith, the royal borough's cabinet member for children's services, said: "Congratulations to all staff, pupils and parents at Hawksmoor. This high profile praise comes on the back of recent results which show Greenwich pupils are above the national average for English and maths at age 11, while our pupils are progressing at a faster rate between the ages of seven and 11. Hawksmoor is a prime example that the strategies devised by the royal borough, headteachers and teaching staff are helping to improve performance."

● For more information on Greenwich schools visit www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/schools

Charlton primary school pupils celebrate double award win

Going green spells cash

CHARLTON Manor primary school has won a £1,000 cash prize for its dedication to recycling.

It came first out of about 5,000 schools in a national competition run by the Co-op, and won the top prize.

The children spent their lunchtimes collecting litter for recycling, as well as bringing cardboard, paper and printer cartridges from home into school for recycling. The idea was suggested by parent volunteer Pat Hunt, working with teacher Graham Smith.

Graham leads on the school's Green Council, where elected representatives from every class meet weekly to discuss environmental issues such as such as saving the school energy and water.

He said: "The children really wanted to go for the award, and were thrilled and really happy when they won. The class reps fed back what was happening to their classes, and the whole school was involved."

"The judges were impressed by Charlton Manor's poster campaign to encourage the community to recycle, their lunchtime litter monitoring scheme and our Healthy Pickings tuck shop."

The school plans to use the £1,000 prize money to buy an energy monitor which shows where energy savings are being made, a wind turbine for the roof, and a revamp for its wildlife area.

The Co-op's Green Schools Revolution award encourages school children from the age of five to 16 to think differently about the world around them.



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS: children celebrate international week by dressing up in traditional clothes, and left, they make origami hats in a session about Japanese culture



Our friends international

PUPILS have also been given an international schools award by the British Council for its links with other schools, including ones in Japan, India and Germany.

Headteacher Tim Baker said the school uses modern technology to make links with schools in other countries and the school was praised for its e-twinning work.

Project co-ordinator Sharon Chahal said: "We've done lots of different projects with schools around the world, and the children e-mailed and Skyped to India and Nepal. A Japanese teacher came in to teach some of the language and the culture in Japan. And the children used food grown in the school garden for cooking some international recipes."

Online is fine!

Record numbers making online e-applications for school places in the borough

MORE and more families are applying for school places online.

Latest figures for secondary school applications show that 77 per cent were made online compared to 68 per cent in 2011 and just 27 per cent in 2010.

It means Royal Greenwich is much closer to meeting the government's 80 per cent target for online applications.

The royal borough is one of the most improved local authorities for online applications and some other London authorities have been in contact to find out how it attracted so many more applications online.

The London Grid for Learning, which co-ordinates London-wide applications carried out a survey of applicants and found 87 per cent of those surveyed found the online application process easy to use, convenient and stress free.

Cllr Jackie Smith, the royal borough's cabinet member for children's services,

said: "We have been running a major campaign over the summer and autumn months to get parents to apply online for school places, rather than completing a paper form, and it seems to have worked."

"We normally get a higher percentage of primary online applications than secondary so we are hoping we will achieve the government's target of 80 per cent by the closing date of primary school applications on January 15."

The benefits of applying online are that families can get confirmation that their application has been successfully received. There is no risk of their application being lost or delayed in the post, and the online system is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In addition, families can see the outcome of their application much sooner.

Families with children born between September 1 2008 and August 31 2009 need to make an application now for a place in a reception class for September.

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Eltham lights up to launch royal borough festive celebrations

Genies



RESIDENTS of all ages put their creative powers to use to kick off the royal borough's festive celebrations last week.

Eltham Lights Up 2012 took place last Thursday with hundreds lining the high street for an evening of entertainment and free activities to herald the switching on of the town's Christmas lights.

Eltham fire station opened its doors to visitors and local charities including Demelza children's hospice which had fundraising stalls selling Christmas gifts.

The evening started with sports activities in the Eltham Centre which had its own ceremony to turn on its Christmas tree lights. In the high street where strolling street entertainers helping to

welcome the crowds. The highlight was a lantern parade showcasing handcrafted paper lamps created by youngsters from local schools in weekend workshops led by arts group Emergency Exit Arts. Lightbearers were accompanied by the Taru Samba drums but there were performances of rock, Motown, pop and gospel music along the parade route. Deansfield school choir was among the acts on a performance stage along with other choirs and appearances by the characters from the Bob Hope theatre pantomime Dick Whittington.

The lights-on ended in a spectacular fireworks display. Woolwich is all set to get the festive season off to a grand start on Saturday, December 8, when General Gordon

Square plays host to Santa's reindeer and sleigh, which has been sponsored by local firm Murphy's Waste. Joining them will be a display of owls, Christmas entertainers, and community choirs. There will also be a Christmas market and children's fairground rides. The Big Screen will be showing films celebrating Royal Greenwich 2012 and there will be free hot drinks and festive treats. The event kicks off at 12pm and ends at 6pm. A lantern-lit parade involving local schoolchildren and Santa in his sleigh will go through the town centre, arriving at General Gordon Square at around 5.30pm. Children can create a lantern and join the parade by going to a free drop-in workshop from 12pm to 3pm on December 8 in Woolwich Library. Between

December 11 and 22 Woolwich Winter Warmer is celebrating the 12 Days of Christmas with 12 days of special offers at local shops and restaurants. Each afternoon school and community choirs will gather to sing around the square's spectacular Christmas tree, sponsored by Tesco, and the Royal Artillery band will be performing on December 14 from 2pm. A grand finale event will take place on Saturday December 22 with a firework display at 5pm. A daily Christmas market is planned to run from November 24 to December 24 helping shoppers to add the finishing touches to their festive shopping.

● **For more information about festive events around the royal borough visit www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/whatson**

of the lamps



Diwali delights

THERE'S an invite to celebrate Diwali, the festival of lights, and British Asian heritage on Saturday, November 24. The National Maritime Museum is hosting a day of activities from 11am to 5pm in collaboration with Emergency Exit Arts. Visit www.rmg.co.uk



Lighting up Diwali at NMM

THE National Maritime Museum has joined forces with a local arts organisation to illuminate a day of Asian culture.

Emergency Exit Arts is heading up the Diwali celebration at the Greenwich museum on November 24.

Diwali is the 'Festival of Light', and there's a full range of activities for all ages. Admission is free.

There is the opportunity to discover how the very first Asian shipments of tea, fabrics and spices were imported to Britain by a group of South Asian sailors.

There will also be a chance to learn about the history of Indian culture and how it has influenced the Britain of today, with a talk on how an Asian company more than 400 years old has influenced modern day clothing.

The day finishes at dusk with a lantern procession through Greenwich Park, and the Bollywood Brass Band and Rafaqat Ali Khan perform music that pays homage to 60 years of Indian and Pakistani movies.

Saturday, November 24 at National Maritime Museum, Greenwich. Free entry, 11-5pm. More info at: www.rmg.co.uk/visit/events/diwali-celebrations-2012



UNIVERSAL APPEAL: Martin Pugh's 'The Whirlpool Galaxy'; and above, Arild Heitmann's 'Green World'

STARS OF THE FUTURE

IT'S out of this world! The Astronomy Photographer of the Year exhibition is on at the National Maritime Museum until February.

Entries were judged in five categories. Australian Martin Pugh took the top prize in the Deep Space group. **More info at: www.rmg.co.uk/astrophoto**

SCENE



"JOE was a flawed character," says **Johnny Green**, nearly 10 years to the day since Clash frontman Joe Strummer's untimely death from an undiagnosed heart condition. "He struggled at times to make sense of his own private life."

Johnny was the Clash's road manager and confidant from 1977 until 1980. He was alongside the band as they made their ascent from London also-rans to the world-beating punks who would define a generation.

"I liked all the early days because they were so chaotic," Johnny told *Scene*. "At the time of London Calling we went to America three times in 12 months. That was when they were at their peak live. They never wanted a day off - they'd groan if it was a day off. They'd ask if we could fit a few more dates in. That was their energy and their vitality."

Life's a bit quieter these days, and the boy from Chatham is the special guest at the Earl of Chatham for a charity night paying tribute to Joe Strummer on November 29.

"One of my first jobs [with the Clash] was to make sure that any fan who wanted to meet them after the show got in. Fans would come in and say, 'Can I have your autograph Mr Strummer?' And he would say, 'Well yeah, you can, but why would you want that? I'm not a star - what I do here isn't that difficult. Why don't you have a go at it yourself?' He encouraged other people to develop themselves."

Johnny drove the band in a car, while fellow roadie, the Baker followed in a van with the gear.

"Who was in the front seat? Always Mick Jones. He had a reputation in those days, and the others would laugh and call him a diva. It was like a group of unruly children. You forget how

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New build ageing well

AGE Exchange in Blackheath has swapped its dowdy old interior for a brand-spanking new one.

The revamped charity building in Blackheath Village is opening its doors to the public this Friday, November 23.

It follows a £870k makeover of the arts charity. The centre now offers a range of community services all under its new roof - the Victorian building, 'Number Eleven'.

The newly designed two-tier space echoes the organisation's full name: 'Age Exchange Theatre Trust'. It now has a foyer, circle bar, pit, box office, green room, stalls and studio.

Peckish visitors can get a bite to eat in the cafe and lounge. The centre houses a library for all ages with 10,000 books.

Number Eleven will be open six days a week, from 8am-6pm weekdays, 10am-6pm on Saturdays. 020 8318 9105 or www.age-exchange.org.uk

WHAT

ELTHAM PALACE

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Cutty Sark Christmas. Sat Dec 1-Sun Dec 2
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On the road with The Clash

Roadie **Johnny Green** tells **ROD KITSON** about his time with the legendary punk band ahead of a Woolwich gig in memory of Joe Strummer



GUITAR HERO: Johnny on stage helping out bassist Paul Simonon circa 1978

young they were back then and I was three years older. I was the old man – mid-twenties.

"They would be joshing, getting bored very easily, wanting to stop at the services to mess about and drink cups of tea. It wasn't a wild rock 'n' roll lifestyle.

"They'd take it in turns to play music over the stereo, educating each other about new music they'd discovered. Always talking, reading the newspapers and swapping stories from the papers. It was a pretty interesting place to be."

Johnny went on to write a book about his time with the band, *A Riot of Our Own*, and he's reading a passage from it

and signing copies on the night. Johnny witnessed the inner workings of the Strummer-Jones song-writing machine.

"It worked on affection and competition," he said. "Like the best love affairs it could spark up with passion at times. It could spill over in any direction – it was strong emotions."

Clash hits and originals come from live band **48 Thrills**, and Ray Gange, star of the Rude Boy film that documented the band, is also making an appearance at the Woolwich pub.

"The film's very natural," Johnny said. "It was how life was. Me and the Baker went to the premiere in Berlin. The band

refused to go. We were the stars for the night, and we relished it all the more. We flew on to Paris, met the band there, and all they wanted to know was what the film was like. 'Fabulous,' we said. 'You should have gone. Too bad – hard luck!' "When they finally saw it, it wasn't quite what they'd wished for so they disassociated themselves with it right at the end. Thank god they made it, because there's all that great footage."

Remembering Joe Strummer is at the Earl of Chatham, Thomas Street, Woolwich on November 29. Tickets £10 on the door or from www.48thrills.co.uk GreenwichCard holders get bar discounts

Singing for Xmas supper

A COMMUNITY choir in Greenwich is hoping to hit all the right notes this Christmas.

Halstow Community Choir, based at the primary school of the same name, is a group made up of residents from west Greenwich, Millennium Village and parents from local schools, but new members are always welcome.

It's the fourth Christmas that the choir will have put on a performance. Music teacher at Halstow Simon Eastwood, started the ensemble in 2008. He told Scene: "The choir has really helped people over the years, because it makes those who might have thought they aren't very musical to discover they can do it and it is for them."

"We were also keen as a school to do more within the community, helping members come together to socialise, giving them a sense of courage, pride and purpose. Some people have been hesitant at first and then discover that it's a lot of fun."

The choir has previously performed at East Greenwich Pleasance, and last year they decided to put together a community CD compilation with all their favourite songs.

"We meet up during term time on a Tuesday evening from 8pm to 9.15pm," Simon said. "Members are aged 17 years and upwards and everyone is welcome. We practise lots of songs from classical, jazz, pop and folk. There really is something that appeals to everyone."

The group perform at the Christmas school fair every year, an Easter fair and will perform again at pleasance festival this year, with a special appearance at the Pelton Arms on December 21.

For more information about joining Halstow Community Choir call Simon Eastwood on 07740 198 633

Community choirs are singing the Twelve Days of Christmas in Woolwich's General Gordon Square from December 11-22, 3.30pm-6.30pm.

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Tkts £10/£7.50 concs. 020 8293 9741



GREENWICH PARK

London Santa Run
December 9

SANTA is giving his reindeers a rest this year, and going out for a run. The London Santa Run is going the distance for Doctors of the World UK, a charity which helps provide medical care and a voice for young mothers and their babies, natural disaster victims and war sufferers. Runners are encouraged to dress up as St Nick, and the festive sprint-off takes place in Greenwich Park on

Sunday December 9, with the option of a five or ten kilometre distance. The registration fee is £20, with a fundraising target of £100 per person.

The London Santa Fun is at Greenwich Park on Sunday

December 9 at 10.15am, kicking off at 11am. Runners need to turn up at 10.15am to receive their charity sash and meet their team and participate in a warm-up session. Email events@doctorsoftheworld.org.uk or call 020 7515 7534

It's a lads' weekend

IT'S a lads' weekend on December 15 and 16, when the Royal Academy of Dance teams up with Trinity Laban for 'Boys Only!'

The two-day workshop gives male students the chance to combine classic ballet training with energetic creative and contemporary street dance.

The weekend is open to all boys, no matter their experience, and is a way to discover and develop new talents, dancing alongside and learning from leading dance artists.

Boys Only started in 2005 when the RAD raised £50k at a Billy Elliot gala and launched the programme with the aim of widening participation of young men in dance with little or no experience.

It is now a national programme working in collaboration with a range of regional partners. To sign up, call 0207 326 8025 or email khart@rad.org.uk Application forms can be downloaded from www.rad.org.uk

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A NEW team has taken on the role of managing the Discovery Children's Centre.

The centre in Battery Road, West Thamesmead, which supports local families with young children is now run by Discovery primary school. The centre which was inspected earlier in the year and secured a "good" judgement by Ofsted, aims to meet the needs of families with children under five. It offers a range of learning and fun activities, training opportunities, advice and support as well as a 32-place nursery.

The centre celebrated its re-launch with an open day which included arts and crafts, face painting, a visit from local firefighters and a dance display by local street dance duo Twist and Pulse who were in the semi final of Britain's Got Talent in 2010.

Parents also had a chance to learn more about what's on offer by talking to staff.

Discovery Children's Centre leader Kelly Jordan said: "We are confident that we can provide excellent services for families with young children and we will offer them support, advice and practical help, as well as a place for them to bring their children."

● For more information call Discovery Children's Centre on 020 8855 2470 ext 3 or visit www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/childrenscentres

New team showcases children's centre services

Discovery channels



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE: children join in a fun dance event, watch local dance duo Twist and Pulse and meet local firefighters during the open day event



Stay warm for winter advice

Free support for elderly and vulnerable

A NEW campaign is being launched to protect elderly and vulnerable people as another winter sets in.

Advice will be on offer on how to stay warm, and there will be support with paying winter fuel bills.

Royal Greenwich's 'Stay Warm, Stay Safe' campaign starts in December. Also on offer will be home visits to make sure people are warm and safe, and a benefit check by the council's Welfare Rights Service.

Experts will be available to check and set central heating programmers, install draught proofing and check loft insulation. Free room thermometers and blankets will also be available.

People may be able to get a council grant to pay for a heating installation if they get certain benefits, such as Housing or Council Tax Benefit, or if someone lives with them who is aged under 16 or over 60 or has a long-term illness or disability.

● **Contact the Home Improvement Team to claim or for more information call 020 8921 2614**

Warm Front Grants are available for up to £3,500 towards energy efficiency improvements such as gas central heating boiler replacement, loft and cavity wall

insulation. People must own or privately rent their homes, and receive certain benefits.

● **For more information call 0800 316 2805 or to apply online go to www.directgov.uk and search for 'Warm Front'.**

Most people over 60 can get a Winter Fuel Payment to help towards heating bills. This is a tax free single payment normally worth either £200 for each household or £300 for households with someone aged 80 or over.

Cold Weather Payments are paid in periods of very cold weather to people receiving certain benefits. These are automatic payments -- you do not have to make a claim -- which are generated if the average temperature drops to 0°C or below for seven days in a row between November 1 and March 31. Payments are worth £25 for each week of cold weather.

● **To check if you are missing out on tax credits or benefits you can contact Royal Greenwich's Welfare Rights Service on 020 8921 6375, or go to www.greenwich.gov.uk/Greenwich/BenefitsGrants for more information.**

● **For help and advice about energy issues contact Consumer Direct on 08454**



NOW THE HEAT REALLY IS ON: a radiator heat screen is fitted

Bike theft hike prompts security fair

THE increase in cycling in the borough has had the unfortunate knock-on effect of an increase in bike thefts.

Police are urging bike users to be vigilant against thieves, and are tagging cycles for free on November 28 at Cutty Sark Gardens.

Officers working from a mobile police station at the Greenwich location will be stamping bikes with serial codes and marking them with special UV ink.

The bikes can also be put on a national database which is accessible on the internet.

PC Stephen Fegan told GT: "We're seeing a decrease in the number of targeted thefts of expensive bikes, but an increase in thefts from bike stands in towns."

"We recommend that cyclists spend 10 per cent of the bike's value on security. Use two locks -- a coil and a D-lock, and keep the locks off the ground, which can be used to smash the lock against."

Cutty Sark Gardens and Woolwich town centre are areas where bikes are most at risk.

Bikes are also tagged for free on Saturday mornings at Cycles UK on Creek Road, and at Discount Cycles on Trafalgar Road, Greenwich.

● **For more information go to www.greenwich.gov.uk/cycling**

GreenwichHomes

Royal Borough of Greenwich's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Edition 314

How the lettings policy works

Housing applicants are placed within 'Bands' according to the Royal Borough of Greenwich's policy for letting homes. Your band information is on the letter that the Council sent you when you registered, or when your circumstances changed. Property adverts say which band can apply and any other criteria. When all the bids are received, the property is then offered to: For properties advertised for band A and band B - the applicant who has had this priority status for the longest time. For properties advertised for band C applicants - the applicant who has been registered on the Council's list for the longest time.

BAND

- A** is for applicants in unsatisfactory housing, including people moving due to demolition and those underoccupying their homes.
- B** is for applicants the Royal Borough of Greenwich must prioritise according to the law, particularly homeless people, and others with an urgent need to move for medical or welfare reasons.
- C** is for all applicants on the housing register, including those that are in priority bands A and B.

How do I apply?

1

Get on the list

First, you've got to be on the housing waiting list to join the scheme. If you're not, register an application on line at

www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk

2

Find your applicant number

It will be on the letter you've already had from the Royal Borough of Greenwich about the new scheme. You'll need that number and the reference number of the property you're after, which will be on the advert.

3

Pick out your ideal property

by looking in *Greenwich Time* or regularly checking the website:

www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes

Click on your preference on the website. If you don't have a computer, you can always use one for free in either your neighbourhood housing office, library or UK Online centre.

4

Apply in one of two ways

- Phone the 24-hour hotline 020 8921 4340. It's an automatic push-button system and calls will be charged at the normal local rate, or
- Via the Royal Borough of Greenwich's website www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes

The next edition of **GreenwichHomes** will be available on **Wednesday 28 November 2012 at midday** and will include any *Housing Association* properties when available. Closing date for all applications for this issue is midnight on **Sunday 25 November 2012**.

24-hour hotline

The Greenwich Homes
(Choice Based Lettings) Telephone
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English 020 8921 4340

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Hexagon Housing Association

Ref Number: 75527
Alabama Street SE18
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Ref Number: 171830
Paston Crescent SE12
3 Bed House
Gdn Rad C/H
£115.39pw Bands A&B

Important Notice

Please note the
closing date to
register your bids
for advertised
properties will be
**every Sunday at
midnight.**



Ref Number: 171896
Eglinton Hill SE18
1 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted Entry phone
Rad C/H No pkg
£88.82pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 171904
St Mary Street SE18
1 Bed Grnd Floor Flat
Rad C/H Entry phone
£81.19pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 171988
**Coltman House
Welland Street SE10**
1 Bed Grnd Floor Flat
Rad C/H
£100.94pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 172005
Coleraine Road SE3
1 Bed Grnd Floor Flat
Rad C/H
£103.01pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 172007
Villas Road SE18
1 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
£76.45pw Bands A&B

**Next
Edition 315
available
on
Wednesday
28 November
2012**



Ref Number: 172011
Alnwick Road SE12
3 Bed House
Gdn Rad C/H
£118.95pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 172019
**Lydden Court
Restons Crescent SE9**
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Lifted Rad C/H
£91.62pw Bands A&B

Bands A&B Priority Applicants

Fewer Bands A&B priority applicants
have been bidding for advertised
properties
in recent weeks.

**Please note that if you do not
bid on a regular basis you risk
losing your priority status.**

Please contact the office if you need
help in bidding.



Ref Number: 172020
Paston Crescent SE12
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Gdn Unlifted Rad C/H
£96.52pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 172026
Bramhope Lane SE7
3 Bed House
Gdn Rad C/H
£122.36 pw Bands A&B

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Ref Number: 172029
Gavestone Road SE12
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted Rad C/H No pkg
£98.32pw Bands A & B



Ref Number: 172032
Campfield Road SE9
2 Bed Grnd Floor Flat
Rad C/H
£96.74pw Bands A&B

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

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Royal Borough of Greenwich's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Anyone on the housing list can apply for these



Ref Number: 171730
Polthorne Grove SE18
Bedsit 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted Comm Gas Htg
£79.78pw Band C



Ref Number: 171791
Rixon House Barnfield Road SE18
3 Bed Grnd Floor Flat
Rad C/H No Pkg
Min 3 chldn any age
£103.76pw Band C



Ref Number: 171898
Turton House Barnfield Road SE18
1 Bed Grnd Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
Rad C/H No Pkg
£87.96pw Band C



Ref Number: 171900
Priory House Springfield Grove SE7
3 Bed 6th Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone No pets
£123.98pw Band C



Ref Number: 171996
Thornham Street SE10
2 Bed 8th Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
Rad C/H
£102.25pw Band C



Ref Number: 172003
Hastings House Mulgrave Road SE18
2 Bed 14th Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
Comm Gas Htg No Pkg
£101.99pw Band C

Rsl allocations policy applies to **Housing Association** properties

Mutual Exchange Swapping your home

Council and Housing Association Tenants can exchange their property with another tenant. From April 2006 applicants who have registered for a mutual exchange will be able to find suitable swaps through the Greenwich Homes website www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes.

For more information about this scheme contact the Allocations Team on

020 8921 2941

Applicants over 50+ can apply



Ref Number: 172030
Wootton House Alderwood Road SE9
1 Bed Grnd Floor Flat
Combi Boiler & 1 Rad
£87.14pw Band C



Ref Number: 172012
Dawson Close SE18
1 Bed 2nd Floor Flat
Unlifted Rad C/H
£76.79pw Band C



Ref Number: 172027
Pitmaston House Lewisham Road SE13
1 Bed 11th Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
£80.13pw Band C



Ref Number: 172034
Maryon Grove SE7
1 Bed 3rd Floor Flat
Lifted Rad C/H
£78.95pw Band C



Ref Number: 172010
St Domingo House Leda Road SE18
1 Bed 11th Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
Comm Gas Htg
£98.36pw Band C

Affordable Homes

Please note any Housing Association properties advertised in this way will have a higher rent charge



Ref Number: 93424
Tawney Road SE28
3 Bed 2nd Floor Mais
Unlifted Ent ph Rad C/H
Max 2 chldn No pets
£185.00 pw Band C



Ref Number: 172009
Shaftesbury Court Byron Close SE28
2 Bed 1st Floor Mais
Lifted Entry phone
Rad C/H No pets
£171.69pw Bands A&B

If you are bidding for houses under Band C you must have 1 child under 16 years

Important Notice
Please note the closing date to register your bids for advertised properties will be **every Sunday at midnight**

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

GreenwichHomes

Royal Borough of Greenwich's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Important Notice

Changes to the rents and tenancies of some advertised housing association properties.

Affordable Housing

Currently the rent level for the properties you see advertised in Greenwich Homes is significantly lower than full market rents in private sector housing.

From now you will now be seeing some housing association properties advertised for higher rents, up to eighty percent of the market rent. These rents will also include the service charge that you will need to pay for the property. We will use the phrase Affordable Housing on the adverts to help you identify these properties.

Please note the Council will continue to advertise all the homes it owns at the standard rent level.

You can bid for properties advertised as Affordable Housing in exactly the same way as for other advertised properties. If you are successful the housing association may want to check you have enough income to pay the higher rent, whether you are working or on benefits. If you are currently a housing association tenant the rent you pay on your present home will not be affected by this change.

Fixed term tenancies

You will also notice that the tenancies for Affordable Housing and some other housing association properties may now be for a shorter period than the present lifetime tenancies offered by housing associations. The phrase Fixed term tenancy will be used in the adverts to identify these properties. The tenancy details will be explained to you if you are successful when you view the property.

Please think about these changes when bidding for an Affordable housing property and make sure you can afford the home that you choose.

This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 311

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Blaker Court Cherry Orchard Estate SE7 7ES	2	FLAT	454	27/04/2009	C
Gaumont House Odeon Parade Well Hall Road SE9 6DX	3	FLAT	103	26/04/2011	B
The Link SE9 3AX	0	FLAT	287	30/10/2008	C
Cade Tyler House Blackheath Hill SE10 8TG	3	FLAT	69	14/08/2011	B
Byland Close SE2 9PQ	2	MAISONETTE	63	29/05/2012	B
Corvette Square SE10 9NH	1	FLAT		Withdrawn	
Glyndon Road SE18 7NZ	2	FLAT	55	02/01/2012	B
Arthur Grove SE18 7ES	1	FLAT	561	14/02/2006	C
Lawson House Nightingale Place SE18 4HD	2	FLAT	31	20/09/2012	B
Middle Park Avenue SE9 5QR	0	FLAT	219	25/01/2010	C
Thornham Street SE10 9SA	2	FLAT	50	21/01/2011	B
Bevan Road SE2 0UT	1	FLAT	44	08/06/2009	B
Throwley Close SE2 9LD	1	FLAT	42	19/12/2009	B
Maryon Grove SE7 8BY	1	FLAT	571	21/03/2007	C
Peterstone Road SE2 9XY	0	FLAT	273	31/12/2009	C
Webb Court Attlee Road Thamesmead SE28 8DN	2	FLAT	347	08/02/2010	C
Middle Park Avenue SE9 5QR	0	FLAT	186	08/04/2010	C
Boxgrove Road SE2 9JJ	1	FLAT	59	12/03/2012	B
Kingsley Court Byron Close SE28 8AA	2	MAISONETTE		No eligible bids	
Fletching Road Charlton SE7 8UH	1	FLAT	64	13/01/2012	B

For information or assistance

Contact our Allocations Team
on: 020 8921 2941

Email: housing-allocations@greenwich.gov.uk

GreenwichHomes adverts

Greenwich Time is now being published 50 weeks a year and is delivered to all residents. GreenwichHome adverts are included in every issue.

Royal Borough Of Greenwich
Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (AS AMENDED)
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or at the library shown between normal opening hours.

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Anyone who wishes to comment on these applications should be made in writing to Development Planning within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Please quote the appropriate reference number.

Date: 20/11/2012

Mike Hows, Chief Planning Officer

Publicity for Planning Applications

Applicant:	Mr & Mrs Bernard Ward	12/2385/F
Development:	36 MAUDSLAY ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 1LJ	
Drawing Numbers:	Installation of ramp/steps to provide wheelchair access.	
Library:	01, 02, 04, 05(Rev: R 1.2), Photo sheets 1-4, Site plan, Location plan, Design and Access Statement, Supporting letter and Email dated 29 October 2012.	
Conservation Area:	Eltham Library, 2 Archery Road SE9 1HA	
Applicant:	Mr & Mrs Abizaid	12/2462/F
Development:	FLAT 1, BARDON LODGE, STRATHEDEN ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7TE	
Drawing Numbers:	Construction of a rear conservatory/orangery. (Reconsultation)	
Library:	100, 150, Design & Access Statement and Email dated 12 November 2012.	
Conservation Area:	Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT	
Applicant:	Mr Lo	12/2516/F
Development:	THE JOHN ROAN SCHOOL, MAZE HILL, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE3 7UD	
Drawing Numbers:	Construction of a new mini-substation to the rear of the existing gym block.	
Library:	Allocated No: 001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006 and Design & Access Statement.	
Conservation Area:	Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT	
Applicant:	Mr Paul Dingley	12/2522/F
Development:	11 MERRIMAN ROAD, KIDBROOKE, LONDON, SE3 8RX	
Drawing Numbers:	Formation of a loft conversion including the construction of a hip-to-gable roof extension, together with the erection of a rear dormer window and insertion of four roof lights.	
Library:	431-03, 431-07 and Site Location Plan.	
Conservation Area:	East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road, London, SE10 0RL	
Applicant:	Mr Levitt Blackheath Motor Services Ltd.	12/2529/F
Development:	BLACKHEATH AUTOS, DIAMOND TERRACE, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8QL	
Drawing Numbers:	Demolition of existing garage and construction of a 3-bed house with basement.	
Library:	0821/02B, 0821/A/10, Design & Access Statement, Photosheets and Site Plan.	
Conservation Area:	West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN	
Applicant:	Mr & Mrs Terence Stuart	12/2558/F
Development:	47 COURT ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 5AF	
Drawing Numbers:	Construction of an attached garage and formation of vehicular access including installation of iron gates and alterations to front boundary wall.	
Library:	79771/1, 79771/2 and Email dated 26 October 2012 (with Design and Access Statement).	
Conservation Area:	Eltham Library, Eltham High Street SE9 2HA	
Applicant:	Mr Christopher Torre	12/2577/F
Development:	MONTROSE, 2E KIDBROOKE PARK ROAD, KIDBROOKE, LONDON, SE3 0LW	
Drawing Numbers:	Formation of vehicular access in front boundary wall comprising construction of two brick piers and associated landscaping.	
Library:	001(Site location plan), 002, 003, Design and Access Statement and Letter dated 12 October 2012.	
Conservation Area:	Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT	

Applicant:	Mr Sean Horton Pie Works Ltd	12/2595/F
Development:	GODDARDS AT GREENWICH, 22 KING WILLIAM WALK, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 9HU	
Drawing Numbers:	Retention of repainted shop front.	
Library:	Site location plan, Photo Sheets 1-4(Details of shopfront) and Letter dated 23 October 2012.	
Conservation Area:	West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN	
Applicant:	Berkeley Homes (Urban Renaissance) Ltd	12/2718/F
Development:	BUILDING 12, FORMER GATE HOUSE, NO 1 STREET, WOOLWICH, LONDON, SE18 6GH	
Drawing Numbers:	Conversion of existing building to form a restaurant (A3) including the construction of a two storey extension.	
Library:	12 047 01 (Site Location Plan), 12 047 10(A), 12 047 11, 12 047 12, 12 047 13, 12 047 20(A), 12 047 21(B), 12 047 22, 12 047 23(A), 12 047 24(A), 12 047 25(A), 12 047 26(A), 12 047 27(A), Image 1, Image 2, Image 3, CIL Form, Design and Access Statement.	
Conservation Area:	Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QT	

Publicity for Listed Building Consent

Applicant:	Mr Lo	12/2517/L
Development:	THE JOHN ROAN SCHOOL, MAZE HILL, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE3 7UD	
Drawing Numbers:	Construction of a new mini-substation to the rear of the existing gym block.	
Library:	Allocated No: 001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006 and Design & Access Statement.	
Conservation Area:	Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT	
Listed Building:	GREENWICH PARK	
Applicant:	Berkeley Homes (Urban Renaissance) Ltd	12/2720/L
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Conservation Area:	Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QT	
Listed Building:	ROYAL ARSENAL WOOLWICH	

Publicity for Conservation Area Consent

Applicant:	Mr Levitt Blackheath Motor Services Ltd	12/2638/C
Development:	BLACKHEATH AUTOS, DIAMOND TERRACE, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8QL	
Drawing Numbers:	Demolition of existing garage and construction of a 3-bed house with basement.	
Library:	0821/02B, 0821/A/10, Design & Access Statement, Photosheets and Site Plan.	
Conservation Area:	West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN	

Publicity for Advertisements

Applicant:	Mr Sean Horton Pie Works Ltd	12/2593/A
Development:	GODDARDS AT GREENWICH, 22 KING WILLIAM WALK, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 9HU	
Drawing Numbers:	Retention of externally illuminated projecting sign and non-illuminated hanging and fascia signs	
Library:	Site location plan, Photo Sheets 1-4 (Details of shopfront) and Letter dated 23 October 2012.	
Conservation Area:	West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN	



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A chance to coach with Charlton

CHARLTON Athletic Community Trust is offering young people the chance to gain a qualification in coaching? The offer is open to people aged 16-19 who attend Charlton Athletic Community Trust sessions in Royal Greenwich. It's a chance to gain a FA Level 1 qualification in football coaching. All courses are free and take place on 24th November 24, and December 1 and 8. ● For more information and an application form, call Daniel Gill on 07972 596519 or email Daniel.gill@cact.org.uk

Dine with Damon

DINNER guests will have an audience with race car driver Damon Hill at a fundraising event next month. The Trust will be hosting a private dinner with Damon Hill at The Bickley restaurant in Chislehurst, Kent, on Thursday 6 December. The evening will be hosted by Sky Sports commentator Dickie Davis. It's been organised by Charlton Athletic Community Trust which is trying to raise £30,000 to buy a minibus for the Charlton Upbeats, a project for young people with Down's syndrome. The three-course meal is being held in partnership with The Bickley where the event takes place on Thursday, December 6 from 7pm. Tickets are £75 each and available from Tina Johnson on 08717812095*, or email tina.johnson@cact.org.uk

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE LICENSING ACT 2003

Notice is given that KRISTINA TRIJONE has applied for the grant of a Premises Licence for the following premises:

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A record of the application may be inspected by appointment.

Interested parties may make representations to the Royal Borough of Greenwich on this application by no later than 11TH DECEMBER 2012. Representations can be made in writing, by email or fax to The Licensing Team, 4th Floor, Woolwich Centre, 35 Wellington Street, London SE18 6HQ. Tel: 020 8921 8018, Fax: 020 8921 8380, Email: licensing@greenwich.gov.uk. Representations can only be made on the grounds of one of the four licensing objectives, namely:

- Protection of children from harm
- Public nuisance
- Prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety

Any person who makes a false statement in connection with an application is liable on summary conviction to a maximum fine of £5,000.

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It's time to kick fear into touch

by Grace Lipski

CHILDREN in the borough were kicking fear into touch when they attended a martial arts danger awareness seminar.

The two-day seminar at Pyramid Martial Arts School in Mellish Industrial Estate near Woolwich Dockyard was held to teach children and their families how to be safe and recognise dangerous situations.

Children were taught to recognise 'safe' adults if they get into a situation by identifying safe adults from a picture if they were to get separated from the parents. Seventy children attended the course, which included group discussions, self-defence demonstrations and a 'safe or not safe' game showing the children different pictures to determine which one was the safest. Parents were asked to work with their children to show the effectiveness of the martial arts moves.

Michelle Earl from Woolwich went along with her daughters. She said: "Both girls really enjoyed it and took everything in, they really enjoyed the demonstrations." Mum Emma went along with son Jaiden and said: "The seminar was really educational and it was valuable to help them learn about safety and danger."

Six-year old Hayden Mack said: "It taught me a lot of things like not to talk to strangers, and I really liked learning the moves they were ten out of ten."

The martial arts centre decided to run the free seminars in order to share their expertise in self-defence with families in the area.

Chief instructor Jamie Wood said: "Our aim for the children's safety seminar was to provide parents and children of the local community the information and knowledge to acknowledge, respond and deal with potentially dangerous situations involving grown ups when they are out playing with friends or find themselves away from their parents."

"If the children and parents took away one piece of information or physical response from the seminar, then what we set out to achieve has been a great success. I would like to thank the local schools, parents and the fantastic groups of children that attended and supported the safety awareness seminar."

● More information about future courses call 07557 749 557 or email Stacey.Wilkins@pyramidmartialarts.co.uk



SAFE SMART: youngsters pick up safety tips at the seminar



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by Rod Kitson

IT was a tale of two PBs for an Olympic hopeful from Eltham.

Fourteen-year-old gymnast Ellis O'Reilly fought through the pain barrier to achieve a personal best, after injuring herself in the warm-up at a European competition.

Ellis fell badly at the end of a routine and twisted her ankle.

But she battled on to make her best-ever score on the bars.

She told GT: "I felt very pleased to have got a personal best, especially after I was injured. I surprised myself - my foot was very sore when I finished.

"I injured it the day before when I landed all wrong from the vault."

Ellis was in the Czech Republic with six GB team-mates for the Olympic Hopefuls competition.

The young gymnast came fifth overall with a score of 12.300, and the GB team were crowned champions at the contest in Liberec.

Ellis later competed on the beam. The injury had worsened and the Eltham girl fell twice - but she fought on to finish.

"I've been doing gymnastics since I was six," she said. "My best event is the vault. I hope to go Rio in 2016, and to prepare I'll be doing harder moves and making as much progress as I can.

"The qualities you need to be an Olympic champion are determination, courage, and the will to never give up. I think I can do it."

The fight of a true champion



SO BRAVE: Ellis straps her hands to prevent further injury. Below left, Ellis flies the flag for the GB team

Gymnast with eyes on Rio defies injury

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